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Dear Friends:

It is our pleasure to invite all Oregon businesses to participate in the largest government contracting forum in Oregon. We have invited speakers from the new Department of Homeland Security and Department of Defense to discuss developing opportunities in their Departments, as well as contracting representatives from federal, state, and local buying agencies to show you how to market your product to the federal government.

This one-day program, ***Oregon Business Opportunities 2003, Marketing to Government Forum***, cosponsored by the Government Contract Assistance Program (GCAP) and The Portland Business Alliance (PBA) will be held at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, Oregon on July 2, 2003. The event will include exhibitors from federal, state, and local buying agencies, prime contractor exhibits, workshops with top-notch trainers on subjects such as "How to get your product on the General Services Administration schedule," and the Cyber-Garden; a hands-on atmosphere with Internet-connections to help you learn more about government online registrations.

While Oregon continues to have one of the highest levels of unemployment in the nation, our businesses and workers are ready to lead our state to economic recovery. This conference will provide Oregon's businesses, particularly the small businesses that make up the backbone of our economy, an unprecedented opportunity to meet and network with the government agencies and prime contractors to lead us into a period of job-producing economic growth. The ***Oregon Business Opportunities 2003, Marketing to Government Forum*** may be your best resource for procurement training and networking this year.

If you have questions regarding participation or sponsorship please visit the GCAP website at <http://www.gcap.org>, or call Jan Hurt, Dee Edwards or Dawn Reske with GCAP at 800-497-7551 or 541-736-1088. Thank you for your interest and participation. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,



Senator Gordon H. Smith



Senator Ron Wyden